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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE			
TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)		Docket Number 11443/160	
Application Number 10/785,672	Filing Date February 23, 2004	Examiner Gloria R. Weeks	Art Unit 3721
Invention Title SURGICAL CUTTING AND STAPLING DEVICE		Inventors WHITMAN et al.	

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 22, 2005, for the above-identified application.

2. Applicant hereby requests a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2005 which set a one-month period for response ending on August 22, 2005. The three-month extended period for response expires on November 22, 2005. Please charge the **\$510.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, deposit account number 11-0600. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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